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ISOLATED FROM BODY FLUIDS AND METHODS OF USE**
Inventors: Wang *et al.*
Our Ref: 1887.0060002/JUK/B-C

Sir:

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3. Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F. R. § 1.111;
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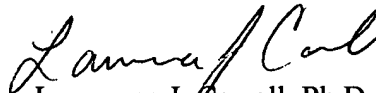
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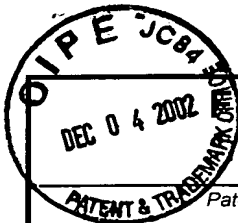
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1003	510	2003	255	Plant filing fee	
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1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1502	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	400	2252	200	Extension for reply within second month
1253	920	2253	460	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,440	2254	720	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,960	2255	980	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,280	2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	460	2502	230	Design issue fee
1503	620	2503	310	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
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1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
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